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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW--25 SEPTEMBER 1964

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE MILITARY, THERE ARE SIGNS OF CONTINUING TENSION AND GROWING DISHEARTENMENT.

GENERAL KHIEM, RECENTLY RELIEVED AS ARMED FORCES COMMANDER, HAS CLAIMED THAT MANY VIETNAMESE OFFICERS ARE INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH KHANH BECAUSE OF HIS APPARENT COMPLAISANCE TOWARD BUDDHIST LEADER TRI QUANG. THEY BELIEVE THIS WILL LEAD KHANH DOWN THE NEUTRALIST PATH. KHIEM SAID THAT IF THE PRESENT DRIFT CONTINUED, A "RADICAL SOLUTION" WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL THANG, J-3 OF THE ARMED FORCES, HAS INDICATED HIS DISCOURAGEMENT. HE QUESTIONS THE UTILITY OF FURTHER PACIFICATION EFFORTS WITHOUT A STRONG GOVERNMENT.

THE US EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR A MAJOR EXPLOSION ARE PRESENT.

KHANH HAS BEEN TO SEE THE DISSIDENT RHADÉ TRIBESMEN AND KHIEM IS GOING. SO FAR, HOWEVER, LITTLE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND THE RHADÉ HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS CONSIDERING NEW ACTION. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION, THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT HAS BROADCAST AN APPEAL FOR ALL HIGHLAND TRIBESMEN TO REVOLT.

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IN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD FORMING A PROVISIONAL CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT BY 1 NOVEMBER, GENERAL MINH HAS FORMED A 17-MAN SUPREME NATIONAL COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERS ARE SO DIVERGENT, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY IS DOUBTFUL, AND AMBASSADOR TAYLOR QUESTIONS WHETHER THE KHANH REGIME CAN FINISH THE TASK. KHANH HAS BEEN HANGING ON BY MAKING CONCESSIONS TO EVERY PRESSURE GROUP.

VIET CONG TERRORIST AND MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINS AT A HIGH LEVEL.

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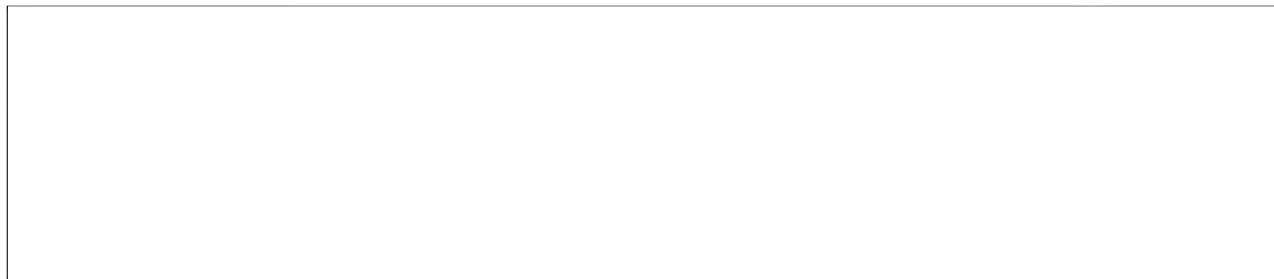
2. CONGO:

THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE NORTHWEST HAS DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING HELP. THE REBELS ARE ALSO STIRRING IN THE EAST. THEY STILL APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATING FOR AN ATTACK ON BUKAVU, NOW DEFENDED BY 1,500 TROOPS WITH AIR SUPPORT.

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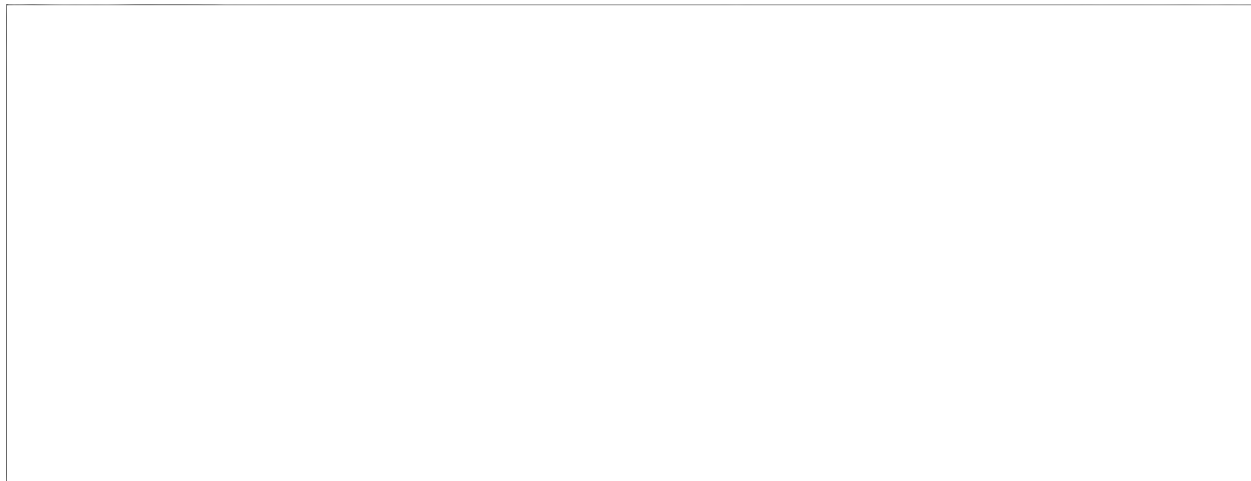
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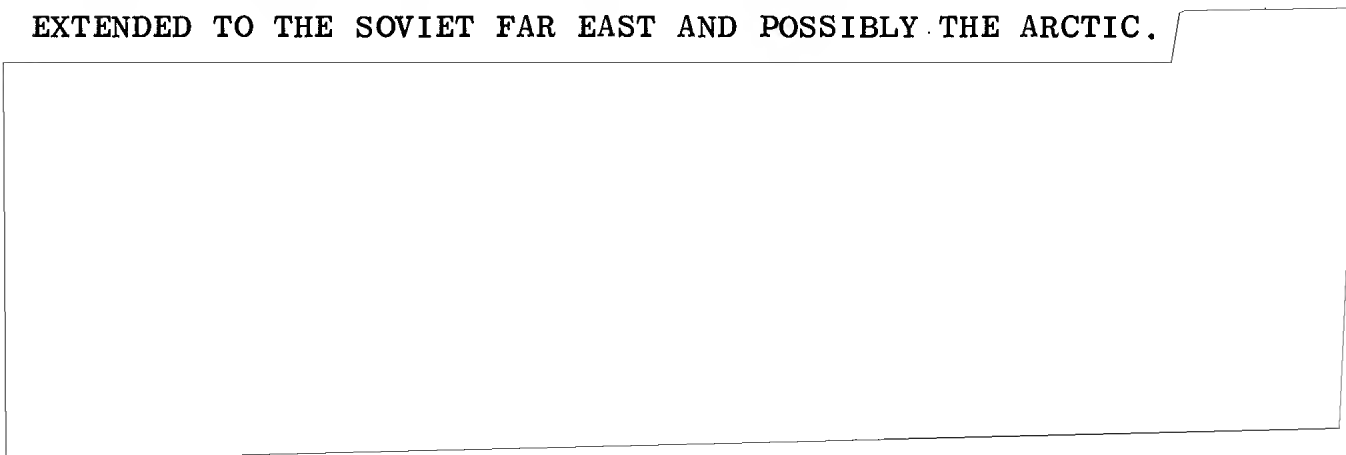
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SOVIET NAVAL AND AIR EXERCISE ACTIVITY, AT A HIGH LEVEL
IN THE EUROPEAN AREA FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, IS BEING
EXTENDED TO THE SOVIET FAR EAST AND POSSIBLY THE ARCTIC.



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5. CAMBODIA:

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SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING WITH
JOINT AID TO CAMBODIAN DISSIDENTS.

6. INDIA-PAKISTAN:

THE CHIEF UN OBSERVER SAYS INCIDENTS ALONG THE KASHMIR
CEASEFIRE LINE ARE BECOMING VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS. HE HAS TOLD
OUR EMBASSY IN KARACHI THAT THE SITUATION HAD REACHED THE STATE
OF AN "UNDECLARED WAR" AND COULD ESCALATE INTO OPEN CONFLICT.
THIS OFFICIAL CLAIMS THAT THE INDIANS IN PARTICULAR HAVE
BECOME BOLDER. HE ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE INCREASED MILITARY
AID THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING.

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7. ISRAEL-SYRIA:

THE ISRAELIS PLAN AFTER 28 SEPTEMBER TO RESUME CULTIVATION IN THE SOUTHERN DEMILITARIZED ZONE (SOUTHEAST OF LAKE TIBERIAS) UP TO A UN DE FACTO LINE STILL NOT AGREED UPON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

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8. YEMEN:

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9. CYPRUS:

SOVIET-CYPRIOT AID DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL HANGING FIRE

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THE CYPRIOTS EXPECT TO GET A MILITARY AGREEMENT OR AT LEAST MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE US EMBASSY, IN MOSCOW, HOWEVER, HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL COME UP WITH ECONOMIC AID. NONETHELESS, THE SOVIETS WILL ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE, POLITICALLY ON WHAT EVER EMERGES.

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THE ISLAND IS RELATIVELY QUIET, ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS CONTINUE. SOME EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SOLVE THE TURKISH ROTATION ISSUE BY PUTTING THE TURKISH MILITARY CONTINGENT UNDER THE UN COMMANDER. HOWEVER, MAKARIOS STILL MAY NOT BUY THIS.

10. FRANCE:

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11. LAOS:

GENERAL PHOUMI IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY. AMBASSADOR UNGER IN VIENTIANE BELIEVES THAT PHOUMI IS PREPARING FOR WHAT HE FORESEES AS EVENTUAL LAOTIAN ALIGNMENT WITH THE US AND AN OVERT AND EXTENSIVE US-LAOTIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

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